

REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
September 27, 2010

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Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Haddad, Keane, Kochenburger, Lindsey, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus, Ryan
Excused: Schaefer

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2010 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
Mr. Paulhus moved and Ms. Keane seconded to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2010 Special meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Mike Sikoski, Wildwood Road, distributed a communication from Robert Wechsler, Director of Research at City Ethics, regarding members of the Fire Department voting at a town meeting at which the status of fire apparatus was being discussed. (Statement attached) Mr. Sikoski also commented that he recently heard that a Town bobcat is missing.

IV. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

Report attached

V. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Members discussed Town Council office hours and the recurring conflict with special meetings on the School Building Project. By consensus the Council agreed to announce on the website that office hours have been suspended until a decision on the schools has been made. The announcement will include the email addresses of Council members and will urge citizens to contact members with any concerns they might have.

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Kochenburger seconded to move Item 2, Presentation: Agriculture Committee, as the next item on the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Community Water and Wastewater Issue

Town Manager Matt Hart highlighted some of the information provided in the packet including the Level 3 drought restrictions at UConn, the favorable DPH review for UConn plans to recycle waste water and information on the CT Water Company.

Mr. Hart will inquire as to whether an interbasin permit would be needed to bring water from the Mansfield Hollow area to the Four Corners area.

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VII. NEW BUSINESS

2. Presentation: Agriculture Committee

Members of the Agriculture Committee presented information on the role of agriculture today in Mansfield and the region, the benefits of agriculture, the challenges facing agriculture, how Mansfield can support agriculture, the ongoing efforts and future actions of the Committee, and agricultural viability in Mansfield.

Al Cyr, Chair of the Committee thanked the members of his Committee for their contributions and participation and asked for the continued support of the Council.

Town Manager Matt Hart and the Council thanked the members of the Agriculture Committee for their dedication in promoting agriculture within Mansfield.

3. Financial Statements Dated June 30, 2010

Mr. Ryan, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported the Committee met and approved the financial statements as presented.

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Keane seconded, effective September 27, 2010, to accept the Financial Statements Dated June 30, 2010, as presented by the Director of Finance.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. FY 2009/10 Year End Transfers

Mr. Ryan moved and Ms. Keane seconded to approve the following resolution:

Resolved, effective September 27, 2010, to adopt the Legal Budget Transfers for FY 2009/10, as presented by the Director of Finance.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Child and Adult Care Food Program Application for Mansfield Discovery Depot

Mr. Haddad moved and Ms. Keane seconded to approve the following resolution: Resolved, effective September 27, 2010, to authorize the Town Manager.

Matthew W. Hart, to submit the attached application to the Connecticut Department of Education's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), to help fund the food service operation at the Mansfield Discovery Depot, and to execute any related grant documents.

6. Status Report re Mansfield 2020: A Unified Vision

No action required

VIII. QUARTERLY REPORTS

Ms. Moran complimented the work of staff as reflected in the Quarterly Reports.

Ms. Keane noted some minor inconsistencies in the Quarterly Housing Report.

Town Manager Matt Hart will review.

IX. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

No comments

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X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Ms. Keane reported the Ordinance Development and Review Committee has postponed their next meeting in order to allow staff to compile additional information.

Mr. Haddad thanked all members for completing the Town Manager's review and noted that the executive session scheduled for this evening's meeting will be postponed.

XI. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. A. Kotula re: Thank you
8. Communications Advisory Committee re: Resident Communications – By consensus the Council agreed to refer the letter from the Communication Advisory Committee to staff for review. The Town Manager will report back.
9. L. Duffy re: Sustainability Considerations for School Siting
10. K. Grunwald re: Transportation Advisory Committee – Ms. Keane inquired why volunteers were asked to commit for one day per month and not just for some hours. Mr. Hart will forward that question to Mr. Grunwald and noted that conversations on the structure on the program are ongoing.
11. Mansfield Senior Center Association, Inc. re: Veterans' Day Celebration
12. CCM re: Second CCM Candidate Bulletin
13. CIRMA re: Operations and Underwriting Committee
14. University of Connecticut Office of the Vice President and Chief Operating Officer re: USDA proposed Animal Health Research Facility
15. Northeast CT Economic Alliance re: Thank you
16. Hang Out With Us on 10/10/10
17. Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge
18. Chronicle "Letter to the Editor" – 09-09-10
19. Chronicle "Several issues on agenda" – 09-10-10
20. Chronicle "Board supports open space plans" – 09-11-10
21. Chronicle "Mansfield Celebrated" – 09-13-10
22. Chronicle "Big parties become big problem near UC" – 09-14-10
23. Chronicle "Letter to the Editor" – 09-14-10
24. Chronicle "Mansfield, Windham iron out sewer deal" – 09-14-10
25. Chronicle "Mansfield OK's three items at meeting" – 09-15-10
26. Chronicle "PZC OK's referendum proposals" – 09-16-10
27. Chronicle "Letter to the Editor" – 09-17-10
28. Chronicle "New firm to help develop Storrs downtown housing" – 09-17-10
29. Chronicle "Letter to the Editor" – 09-20-10
30. Chronicle "Low priority for area ethics board" – 09-21-10
31. Chronicle "PZC OKs rezoning plan on Pleasant Valley Road" – 09-21-10
32. Chronicle "Know your town" – 09-09-10
33. Hartford Courant "Battered Caboose Has New Home" – 09-15-10
34. Hartford Courant "Storrs Center May Finally Break Ground..." – 09-16-10
35. Mansfield Today "Gov. Rell appoints Mansfield woman to..." – 09-21-10

XII. FUTURE AGENDAS

Ms. Lindsey requested a definition of the term, preferred developer, as it relates to the assisted/independent living project and an explanation of what that denotation requires of the Town. Additionally an update on the Masonicare Board of Director's meeting on their budget and how their decision might impact the Mansfield project will be discussed at a future Council meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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